

## **REMARKS**


Claims 1 to 12 are pending in the application.

The purpose of this amendment is to delete the multiple dependent claims in this application, and thereby eliminate excessive claim fees. Such amendments are formal in nature and no new matter is added by any of the above amendments. Entry of this amendment and early examination of this application are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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